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## UNCLE JOE CANNON AND HON. ADAM BEDE

Will Speak In the Grand Opera House To-Morrow Evening at 8:00--These Men Are Worth Going Miles to Hear. Special Trains Will Run From Various Points--Ladies Especially Invited--Come and Hear Two Ringing Speeches on the Live Issues of the Day.

### TO CONCEAL A ROBBERY

A TENEMENT HOUSE WAS SET ON FIRE AND INNOCENT PEOPLE PERISHED.

RESCUERS WERE SCORCHED IN TRYING TO SAVE THE FRIGHTENED VICTIMS.

(By Publishers Press.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—An incendiary fire early this morning in the big five story double decker tenement, numbers 15 and 17 North Moore street, Williamsburg Ghetto, caused the death of five children and a woman, the fatal injury of six other little ones and the pitiful injury of six more. A number of persons are missing, but may turn up all right. The fire was started for the purpose of revenge or to conceal robbery.

#### The Dead.

MRS. BELLA GLASS.  
MARY BELASKI, aged five.  
SAMUEL BELASKI, aged three.  
ISAAC BELASKI, aged one.  
Unidentified girl, about sixteen.  
HENRY GLASS, about two.

#### The Dying.

BESSIE WITTHOSKI, aged 14.  
ABRAHAM WITTHOSKI, aged 9.  
ANNIE WITTHOSKI, aged 7.  
MINNIE WITTHOSKI, aged 5.  
CHARLES WITTHOSKI, aged 3.  
Unidentified girl, aged 15.

#### The Seriously Injured.

MAX RUBIN WILZ, aged 8.  
ISAAC RUBIN WILZ, aged 6.  
DORA GLASS, aged 8.  
JOSEPH GLASS, aged 8.  
SARAH RUBIN WILZ, aged 6.  
WILLIAM BERTILISKY, aged 14.

The twenty families were sleeping soundly when the hallways were filled with smoke, which rose in clouds from the cellar. The flames burst through the floor and seemed to come from all corners of the building at once. The incendiary had planned the fire carefully. The blaze mounted the stairway, cutting off all escape and was soon burning through all the floors. An alarm was turned in at the Stagg street station, and almost simultaneously alarms were turned in for fires at No. 59 Graham and at No. 102 Graham for which it was apparent incendiaries. The multiplicity of the alarms caused some confusion at first, but the firemen were soon at work.

When the firemen arrived at 15 and 17 Moore street, the flames were breaking through the windows and the roof. When the cry of fire was first raised the inmates of the two houses ran into the hallway, where they were met by great clouds and flames. Some rushed to the roof for safety, while others fled to the fire escapes, screaming for help.

The police reserves from the Stagg street station assisted the firemen in their work of rescue.

Human lines were formed, and the women and children were lowered safely to the pavement. While the work of rescue was going on, the flames breaking through the windows scorched and burnt the rescuers at their work. The firemen hooked ladders to the roof, and many were taken down. Many women and children, partially overcome by fear and fright, were unable to get to the fire escapes, and leaning out the windows, screamed frantically for help.

### JUST FOUR

AND NO MORE FACED HIS HONOR IN POLICE COURT THIS MORNING.

Four victims faced the throne at 315 Main street this morning all on the charge of drunkenness.

Marshall Sharp was very drunk Saturday night, and starting in at Monongah made things hum along the car line to this city where he was locked up \$5.00.

P. S. Wilson, H. H. Lemley and one Finhart, alias C. C. Grubb were plain drunks and received fines of \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00 respectively.

Quick collections, prompt settlements—Marion Claim Agency.

Dorothy Dodd always pleases every woman. C. B. Highland.

Reliable Furniture at Fairmont Furniture Co.

### CAMPAIGN OF DECEPTION

WAGED BY THE DEMOCRATS IS REACTING AGAINST THEM SAYS MR. DAWSON.

The Hon. W. M. O. Dawson, who spoke at Wellsburg Saturday, came to Wheeling late and registered at the McLure, says the News. He was seen at his room at 1 o'clock this morning by a News reporter in consultation with United States Marshal C. D. Elliott, who came up from Parkersburg especially to see Mr. Dawson.

Mr. Dawson has not the least doubt but that the Republicans will sweep the State and says there are evidences on every side that West Virginia will give the National and State tickets the largest majority in its history. He leaves at noon to-day for Charleston, where he will attend to some business matters in connection with his office of Secretary of State. He will not make any speeches on Monday.

#### A Deception.

"The Democrats of West Virginia have carried on a campaign of deception that is reacting against them," said Mr. Dawson. "They have been and are still making an effort to deceive the voters of the State.

"The campaign has been a slow one thus far, but it is living up and the voters seem aroused everywhere. The people are studying and learning the truth about the tax questions and all the deceit of the Democratic orators and the literature they are sending broadcast through the State is not going to have any effect on the voter. The people are thinking for themselves and studying the facts. The result of these investigations on the part of the voter will be learned on the 8th of next November.

#### Predicts 23,000.

"I do not believe for one minute that the State will give less than 23,000 majority to both the State and National tickets. The outlook, which has always been good, grows brighter every day and I do not think that even the most sanguine Democrat believes that his party has a ghost of a show.

"I have been in two-thirds of the counties of the State, and I find the same enthusiasm among Republicans everywhere. They are all going to vote the ticket straight from top to bottom. There is no apathy in this campaign although things were kind of slow at the outset. The voters have awakened and everywhere I find the greatest enthusiasm among Republican voters."

### BOTH SIDES

USED PISTOLS BUT NO ONE WAS HURT AND ROBBERS ESCAPED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A running fight in which more than fifteen shots were exchanged and pedestrians were endangered occurred about two o'clock this morning, following an attempt by two men to hold up Fred Meyers, night clerk in the drug store of Stolz and Grady. Meyers was engaged in conversation with two friends when two men approached and leveled pistols on them, ordering them to hold up their hands. William Matthews, a policeman was on the opposite side of the street and undertook to arrest the bandits. They fled, but were pursued by Matthews and a patrol wagon filled with policemen, both sides using their pistols.

### RUSSIA

HAS A FEW BILLS TO MEET INCIDENT TO THE HOLDING OF PORT ARTHUR.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Oct. 17.—The Dispatch learns that M. Rothstein, governor of the Commercial Bank of Russia, will shortly arrive in London to arrange for the circulation of Russian government bills in England and on the continent. The plan is a temporary measure for financing the war. The bills will be issued to certain financial houses as security for the several loans contracted since the Russo-Japanese war started.

Some person will get the brass bed. Coal City House Furnishing Company. Some person will get the Wilton rug. Coal City House Furnishing Company.

### USED KNIVES AND PISTOLS

DID KENTUCKY DANCERS ON SATURDAY NIGHT—SEVERAL PEOPLE HURT.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 17.—News has just reached here that in a general fight which took place at a dance and picnic in Harrison county, about twelve miles west of Cynthia, Saturday, Walter Conrad was fatally stabbed. Harvey Walden received a severe scalp wound, while J. W. Gunn and his wife were hit by stray bullets and seriously injured. While the dance was in progress a quarrel arose between Perry and Henry Bowman, brothers, on one side, and Walter and Jasper Conrad, also brothers, on the other. Knives and pistols were used freely and in the melee Walter Conrad was stabbed a number of times in the back and abdomen. Seeing his brother fall, Jasper Conrad began shooting promiscuously, when Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were injured. Harvey Walden, a mutual friend of the young men, tried to separate them and was injured. All the parties are under arrest.

#### Speech To-Night.

There will be a meeting of the Roosevelt, Fairbanks and Swisher Club at the club room this evening. Attorney Norris, of Wheeling, will be present and make an address. Everybody is invited to attend.

### A SCORE OF PASSENGERS HURT

STREET CAR LEFT THE TRACK AT CURVE IN THE ROAD INJURING MANY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—A score of suburban passengers were hurt, two probably fatally, in a street car wreck and fourth and L streets north-east, shortly after seven this morning. The car southbound, failed to take the curve at the street intersection, left the tracks and rolled over on its side. There were about fifty passengers aboard and nearly half of them sustained bruises or cuts.

John Sprague, an employee of the government printing office, was caught beneath the car. His entire right side was mashed to a pulp and he cannot live.

A. B. Senart, of 2413, Frankfort street received injuries about the head, back and hip that will probably cause his death.

Joseph E. Goodky, of 1223 Rhode Island avenue, and Mary Seton, a negro, of 129 Seaton street, were taken to the Freedman's hospital in an ambulance where they were treated for various cuts inflicted by splinters and glass.

The other injured passengers were able to go to their homes.

A faultless, fitting shoe for women. Dorothy Dodd. C. B. Highland.

### FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES

THE JAPANESE WERE DRIVEN BACK TO THEIR OLD POSITION.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The ninth day of the battle of the Shalke River, without doubt the most terrific engagement in history, dawned with artillery duels in progress along the whole front. There seems to be no sign of a diminution of the fighting at any point. Several rifles have occurred in the black cloud of Russian defeat.

The most important of these is contained in a dispatch received in St. Petersburg this morning from Lieutenant Sakharoff, giving details of the overwhelming of a Japanese position in the centre. Eleven guns and one maxim were captured by the Russians.

The Japanese were driven back and compelled to cross the Shalke River and take their old position to the south of that stream. The dispatch reads:

"A dispatch from Sakharoff dated Sunday, states that on Saturday afternoon the Japanese acted with the greatest energy against the right flank of the Russian army. The efforts on the part of the Czar's forces to advance and take the village of Lin-shupu were unsuccessful. He adds: 'The troops in the centre were not attacked except by the enemy's artillery. The day on the whole, was comparatively quiet. Our losses during the day were apparently not heavy.'

#### Fleet Is Anchored.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News wires that the Russian Baltic fleet, numbering twenty-four warships is anchored in the southern part of the Great Belt, for coaling purposes. The Danish cruiser Heimdel is keeping close observation of the fleet.

#### Courting Her Neighbors.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 17.—Russia is most anxious to maintain her position near home, and in pursuance of this desire, is sending a special mission to Teheran to counteract if possible, the growth of British influence in Persia.

The mission will carry an autograph letter from the Czar to the Shah besides costly presents for both the Shah and his leading ministers.

#### Manchuria to Be Abandoned.

ROME, Oct. 17.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Giornale di Roma wires that after a consultation with the Czar General Grippenberg has decided to mobilize six hundred thousand additional troops for the war. Manchuria, the paper asserts, will be abandoned for the present. A Russian notice will probably be issued announcing to the powers the Czar's firm intention of continuing the war.

#### Russian Guns Captured.

TOKIO, Oct. 17.—A report received from the seat of war this morning has it that fourteen more Russian guns were captured yesterday. Another report received from the neighborhood of Port Arthur asserts that the Russian fleet in the harbor is suffering severely from the shells of the Japanese land batteries. The reports of recent attempted sorties by the Russian fleet are said to be unfounded.

#### Thousands of Wounded Soldiers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 17.—Reports received in the Russian capital to-day state that twenty-three thousand wounded Russian soldiers have arrived in Mukden during the past week.

#### Enjoyable Entertainers.

Ex-Governor and Mrs. A. B. Fleming entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, of Columbus, Ohio, Misses Gladys DeBolt, and May Fleming, Miss Orcutt, of Baltimore, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Hupp Sands at six o'clock dinner Saturday evening. The dinner was arranged complimentary to Dr. and Mrs. Sands, and was a very enjoyable event.

G. F. Carrell left this afternoon for Tyler county, where he will join a party of friends in a hunting expedition.

### WHISKEY CAUSES BASE INGRATITUDE

MAN ON TRAIN PULLED A GUN ON HIS OWN FRIENDS.

HE IS NOT A SERIOUS LOOKING FELLOW BUT IS IN TROUBLE.

Great consternation prevailed on train No. 55 before it reached this city Saturday evening. Word was spread among the passengers that there was a bad man aboard with a gun as long as your arm and that he was about to shoot everybody on the train. Women screamed, children cried, men shivered and one Jew escaped into the baggage car. The wife were kept busy with messages for the local police to be present at the Fairmont station to take the offender to jail.

Chief Morgan, Patrolman Gould, Deputy Sheriff Watson and Captain Karnet, of the B. and O. police force, hurried to the station. On the car they found the brakeman holding a man whose two hands were wrapped in muslin, they having been burned while he was at work in the fields. The man did not look dangerous but he had a serious charge to face this morning before Justice Pennington, after spending Sunday in the toils.

He was charged maliciously and otherwise by drawing his pistol in the car. Carrying a pistol was a separate offense.

C. H. Bonnesen was the State's witness. According to his story he went into the smoker to enjoy a Havana filler and there found the defendant, who gave his name as Albert Cunningham, of Littleton, and the brakeman quarrelling over the man's fare. The brakeman said that the ticket or the money must show up by the time the train reached the next station or the man would be put off. Bonnesen sat down in the seat in front of Cunningham and another man across the aisle, seeing the man's crippled condition, said that it would be a shame to put the man off and said that the passenger's would chip in and pay the fare.

The brakeman left and Cunningham reached into his pocket and drew forth some change. Bonnesen asked him how much more he needed to pay his fare but instead of telling him, the defendant, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, reached to his hip pocket and pulled a small pistol. No threats were made but the witness was not willing to take any chances and grabbed the gun. Then the excitement began and it was not quieted until the man was taken from the train when it arrived in this city.

Cunningham made no statement at the trial and hearing and he was fined \$25 and costs for carrying the revolver and was held the guest of the county under \$200 bond to await the action of the grand jury on the graver charge. Friends at Littleton will be wired and the bond may be given. The man was intoxicated or he surely would not have chosen such a way to repay his fellow passengers for their kindness in offering to help him.

### BIG CROWDS

LAST WEEK WAS A RECORD BREAKER AT THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 17.—The recorded admissions last week show it to have been the best in the exposition's history with the exception of the one which contained St. Louis Day.

The figures follow: Monday, 117,638; Tuesday, 179,847; Wednesday, 165,977; Thursday, 168,238; Friday, 153,765; Saturday, 154,261; total, 939,774; grand total, 14,316,230.

All of the latest telegraphic and local news will be found in the West Virginian.

#### THE WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair and warmer to-night and Tuesday.



Uncle Sam: "No, son, we can't let you in on that." —Los Angeles Times.

### GOVERNOR WHITE AT MANNINGTON

HIS EXCELLENCY ADDRESSED A ROUSING MEETING THERE LAST SATURDAY—A THOUSAND VOTERS PRESENT.

The largest political meeting that has been held in the county this campaign was that at Mannington last Saturday, presided over by Dr. W. A. Morgan and addressed by the State's chief executive, Governor A. B. White. His hearers consisted mostly of farmers. All told there were from 800 to 1,000 voters present. The meeting was held in the hall of the new school building of the Oil City, and a handsome building it is, too. The hall is considerably larger than our Normal Auditorium. Governor White only briefly but forcibly referred to national issues, devoting nearly the whole of his time to the new tax laws, for which he feels he is largely responsible. He knows that he is responsible for the agitation at this time. He spoke for at least two hours and was given close attention throughout. On all sides his speech was considered a masterly one, and in fact unanswerable. Governor White has thrown his whole soul into the

tax reform cause, and for that reason no one discusses the subject more ably than he. If any one who heard him does not understand what will be the effect of the new laws, he is unfortunately very dull of comprehension. Governor White succeeded, we think, in convincing all that they will be highly beneficial—that taxation will not be viewed as a burden in the future.

If there was any doubt on the part of any one before this speech as to how Mannington district would go in November, there is none now, as the Republicans are enthusiastic and united as one man for the entire Republican ticket and for all Republican measures.

#### Birthday Party.

On Friday evening, October 14, an enjoyable surprise was given Mrs. J. J. Lee at her home at 715 Virginia avenue, the occasion being her fifty-ninth birthday. Many relatives and friends were present.

Dr. W. A. Morgan, of Mannington, is a visitor to his county seat to-day and called on the West Virginian.